

# Annual Reports

of the

## Town Officers

and

## Inventory of Polls and Ratable Property

of

## GILSUM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*for the Year Ending December 31, 1953*

and

## School District Officers

*for the Year Ending June 30, 1953*



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## LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

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### Selectmen

ARTHUR F. TURNER                      HOMER S. TILLSON  
F. HAROLD BALLOU

### Town Clerk

BERTHA M. WRIGHT

### Town Treasurer

LOIS R. HASTINGS

### Collector of Taxes

MABELLE S. FREIHOFER

### Road Agent

DONALD W. BALLOU

### Health Officer

FRANCIS H. MALONY

### Forest Warden

HOMER S. TILLSON

### Fire Wards

HOMER S. TILLSON                      DONALD W. BALLOU  
NEIL W. JOHNSON

### Chief of Police

JAMES H. KENDALL

### Trustees of Trust Funds

ELWIN S. HASTINGS                      EVERETT W. CHASE  
DONALD W. BALLOU

### Auditors

LOUIS G. ROUGEAU                      FRANCES ROUGEAU

### Town Hall Committee

FLORENCE E. WRIGHT                      JAMES N. McHOUL  
FAY R. BEEDE

## Supervisors of Check List

LENORE SMITH

LOIS WRIGHT

RUTH FINCH

## Budget Committee

ELWIN S. HASTINGS

Term expires 1954

AARON W. FISK

Term expires 1954

FLORENCE E. WRIGHT

Term expires 1955

CARL M. STARKEY

Term expires 1955

FAY R. BEEDE

Term expires 1956

MARSHALL J. BARRETT

Term expires 1956

## TOWN WARRANT

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gilsum in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Gilsum on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To receive the report of the Budget Committee and act in any manner relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

5. To appoint a committee to take charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell either by auction or private sale any or all pieces of real estate now acquired by tax deed.

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of five (or seven) members with duties as set forth in Sections 1-15, Chapter 53, Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, as amended, to make a study of the Town's development and report to the Town appropriate recommendations for the promotion and maintenance of the Town's best development. The Board members shall consist of one Selectman and four (or six) other citizens appointed by the Selectmen, as provided

in Sections 1-15, Chapter 53, Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, as amended.

8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the benefit of the Elliot Community Hospital. This figure is based on the Town's proportionate share of the total being asked for from all Cheshire County Towns.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before it.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

ARTHUR F. TURNER,  
HOMER S. TILLSON,  
F. HAROLD BALLOU,  
Selectmen of Gilsum

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR F. TURNER,  
HOMER S. TILLSON,  
F. HAROLD BALLOU,  
Selectmen of Gilsum

## RESIDENT INVOICE AND TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1953

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
Adams, Albert F.			60a Wilson lot	120	
20a farm	\$500		110a Rawson lot	220	
Land state road 20	\$520	\$30 16	28a Smith lot	56	
Adams, Annie L. Est			46a Miller lot	92	
¼a homestead	2600	150 80	52a Lowell lot	104	
Adams, William H.			25a Dart lot	50	
Est.			50a Howard lot	100	
¼a homestead	2800	162 40	7a Leroyd lot	14	
Anderson, A. Bryson			100a Heaton lot	200	
& Doris I.			20a Sheldon lot	40	
2a Collins place	2400	139 20	20a Wardwell lot	40	
Arlen, George &			27a farm	550	
Eugenia B.			Land & spring	35	
¼ land & bldgs.	75	4 35	Homestead	3900	5557 322 31
Baine, Frank			Bernier, Ronald F.		
3a homestead	850	49 30	Carter farm	1800	
Ball, Russell W. &			Exempt	1000	800 46 40
Norma			Blair, James W.		
½a Clark Bungalow	1900	110 20	200a Greenwood lot		
Ballou, Donald W.			& bldgs.	1000	
73a Banks farm	400	23 20	Exempt	1000	
Ballou, F. Harold &			Blanchard, Raymond		
Ethelind E.			R. & Julia A.		
Scott place	3400		Badger place	2835	164 43
100a town lot	200		Britton, Herman R.		
Exempt	1000	2600 150 80	10a homestead	1700	
Banks, Effie P.			26a town lot	500	
Homestead	1200		1 horse	75	
16a Hammond lot	50	1250 72 50	2 cows	150	2425 140 65
Bardwell, Oscar &			Britton, Ruie		
Adeline L.			Newell place	1700	
Story place	1800		Exempt	1000	700 40 60
Exempt	1000	800 46 40	Buffum, Harold W. &		
Barrett, Marshall J.			Margaret D.		
& Beatrice			31a Corey lot &		
Mosher place	1500	87 00	bldgs.	250	
Bates, Christie et al			6a Fish lot	12	
Howard farm	900	52 20	24a home	700	962 55 80
Bates, Coburn C.			Bunker, Arthur E.		
2a Wright lot	20		50a Clark farm	1150	
Huntley Place	500	520 30 16	2 cows	200	1350 78 30
Bates, Effie			Bunker, Clifford A.		
77a homestead	1800	104 40	68a. W. J. Isham		
Beckwith, Dorothy M.			farm	600	34 80
& Ray E.			Blodgett, Charles H.		
Hart place	1400	81 20	20a Roundy pl.	400	
Beckwith, Ray E.			10a Keefe lot	50	
10a Mack lot	20	1 16	Mill	100	550 31 90
Beede, Fay R.			Blodgett, Edward A.		
35a Newman lot	70		1 horse	75	4 35
1a Taylor place	750		Bosely, Arthur G. &		
Exempt			Florence K.		
Ballou, B. F.			1a Ackerman		
18a Nims lot	36		place	1600	



Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
100 fowl	100	1700	98 60	Homestead	1500
Champney, Verne			Exempt	1000	500
1 cow	100	100	5 80	Dwyer, Hazel E.	
Caron, Walter J.			Carter place	1800	104 40
7a Taylor place		1000	58 00	Eichorn, Charles R.	
Carpenter, Alberta I			& Dolores		
100a homestead	1700	98 60	10a Gunn place	2000	116 00
Chamberlain,			Eichorn, Joseph H. Jr.		
Frederick L.			White place	1800	
2a Blake lot	40		Exempt	1000	800
3a homestead	750	790	45 82	Eichorn, Lillian M.	
Chase, Everett W.			Fields house	1600	92 80
½a Laing place	2800		Emerson, Cedric H.		
Filling station	2500		10a Sibley		
Stock in trade	200		place	1700	
Exempt	1000	4500	261 00	4a Guillow	
Churchill, Leon W.			mowing	80	1780
50a Snow lot &			Everett, Harold N. &		
bldgs.	1200		Eva M.		
25a Bridge lot	75	1275	73 95	19a Horton	
Clark, Pearl E.			place	2100	
Home		1800	104 40	Exempt	1000
Clark, Roger P.			1100	63 80	
Home	2100			Fisk, Bryan G.	
Exempt	1000	1100	63 80	Homestead	1300
Corey, Woodbury G.				75 40	
Garage	50			Fisk, Seth W. &	
40a Corey farm	200			Mabel L.	
Bliss Place	700			Gates place	1800
Guillow lot	100	1050	60 90	Ferland, Alfred A. &	
Corey, Woodbury G				Shirley G.	
& Winifred				Bailey place	1900
Homestead		850	49 30	Exempt	1000
Cutright, Richard H.				Fish, Coard	
& Berthena				51a homestead	1000
Land & bldgs		800	46 40	1 horse	50
Davidson, Florence				1 cow	50
Miller place	1250	72 50		1100	63 80
Davidson, Alfred W.				Finch, Ruth E.	
& Auline				12a Wheat place	600
Hayes house				Nash farm	100
Dunton, Earle J. Jr				4 cows	250
Home	1000	1350	78 30	1 sheep	10
Exempt				Finch, Eugene H. &	
Dunton, Grace W.				Ruth E.	
1a White place	1200			60a Jefts lot	120
25a Carpenter lot	50	1250	72 50	Freihofer, Mabelle S.	
Dunton, Perley F &				4a Hammond	
Grace W.				mowing	180
1½a Carpenter				¼a land &	
lot	50			bldgs.	1350
6½a Nash lot	13	63	3 65	Jefts place	1250
Dunton, Roger A.				Exempt	1000
Doody place	650			1780	103 24
White lot	35	685	39 73	Fish, Leonard	
Durant, Louis A.				1 horse (exmt.)	100
				Gett, Hazel T.	
				20a Ballard	
				mowing	200
				12a home	700
				900	52 20

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Graves, James & Ida			2a home	1200	
35a Silas Davis pl.	700	40 60	17a Blake lot	300	
Griggs, Catherine			Exempt	1000	500 29 00
Ludwig place	1100	63 80	Johnson, Edward C. & Barbara		
Grime, John H.			Home	500	29 00
Pletzner camp	200	11 60	Johnson, Neil W. & Barbara M.		
Hastings, Hazel W.			Home	800	46 40
Homestead & land	2400	139 20	Johnson, William P.		
Hastings, Raymond I.			Homestead	2100	
Isham Home- stead	3200	2200 127 60	13a Miller lot	26	
Exempt	1000		Exempt	1000	1126 65 31
Hanson, Minnie L.			Jones, William B.		
Est.			Homestead	3000	
2a homestead	6000	348 00	120a Howard lot	240	
Heath, Rufus J.			Pearson & Newman		
3a home	350	20 30	lot	100	
Hodgdon, Mildred I.			104a Bates lot	150	3490 202 42
¼a Wellman hill 10			Keating, James E & Nancy N.		
43a Bridge lot	500	510 29 58	Hubbard house	1600	
Hodgkins, Dora V.			Exempt	1000	600 34 80
Nabbie Bliss lot 40			Kendall, James H.		
5a Bliss place	1400	1440 83 52	Home	700	
Howard, Chester E.			Kenyon lot	100	800 46 40
Est.			Kenney, Elvira E.		
3a Mack lot	50	2 90	Home	200	11 60
Howard, Clarence M.			Kerchis, Mike		
4a H. Howard pl.	700	40 60	Home	1100	
Howard, Charles Est.			Exempt	1000	100 5 80
¼ home	500	29 00	King, Clifford G. & Hazel F.		
Howard, Clara			Nichols place	1300	75 40
Land & bldgs.	100	5 80	Kingsbury, Samuel		
Howard, Prinnie			Est.		
Converse lot	60		Homestead	2000	116 00
1 horse	100	160 9 28	Knight, Thatcher J. & Beulah L.		
Holt, Bessie E.			Jefts place	2500	
¼ home	2100	121 80	Exempt	1000	1500 87 00
Howe, Ernest A. & Charlotte B.			Koski, John & Hulda		
3a Downing place	3200	185 60	Home	700	40 60
Hull, Malcolm W. & Mary E.			Labounty, Emma S.		
½ home	1000	58 00	Karr place	1000	58 00
Hull, Malcolm W.			Lassmann, Otto K.		
Stock in trade	200	11 60	28a Isham lot	56	
Hubbard, Charles L.			Britton place	700	756 43 85
Homestead	4400	255 20	Lassmann, Otto K. & Frazier Emma L.		
Isham, Mary E.			Homestead	1400	81 20
1a Smith lot	10	58	Lackey, Frank H.		
Jernberg, Mildred I. & Rougeau, Mil- dred E.			64a Wilder farm	5000	290 00
¼a home	1700		Lee, Arthur G.		
Exempt	850	850 49 30	J. White place	1800	104 40
Jernberg, Ralph I & Joyce C.					

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Lee, Arthur W. H. & Lucille E. Bee Hive	2000	116 00	Land & bldgs. Navish, George Garage exempt	200	11 60
Louder, Nathaniel M. Hendee farm	1600		Navish, John Est. Home	500	29 00
15a Blodgett lot	150		Nichols, K. Theodore & Dorothy B. Homestead	1800	104 40
1 cow	65		Nichols, George T. & Joan S. Home exempt	1000	
Exempt	1000	815 47 27	Ouellette, Evelyn Carter farm	1800	
Maine, Richard V. & Ruth M. Lees place	3200	2200 127 60	Loiselle place	1200	3000 174 00
Exempt	1000		Ouellette, Albert 2 horses	250	14 50
Malony, Francis H. & Barbara J. Home	2000	1000 58 00	Pierson, Amanda E. 20a Hammond lot	40	
Exempt	1000		Blake lot	50	90 5 22
Malony, Walter F. Homestead	2300	133 40	Pierson, Carl H. 2a spring lot	100	
Matson, Edward W. & Louise Flagg place	2600		3a homestead	2000	
Exempt	1000	1600 92 80	Exempt	1000	1100 63 80
Merchant, Ralph D. & Doris M. Vogel place	2000	116 00	Pike, Karl M. & Adaline Clark place	600	34 80
McHoul, James N. & Mildred G. Badger place	2300		Pletzner, Richard Est. Mack Pasture	100	
Exempt	1000	1300 75 40	Exempt		
McHoul, James & Annie Beede place	500	29 00	Plimpton, Donald M. & Joyce S. Miner house	1500	500 29 00
Miller, Rufus O. & Roberta A. 2a Pletzner place	1000	58 00	Exempt	1000	
Molesky, John F. & Pearl M. Home	1000	58 00	Quimby, Arabelle 140a farm	1700	
Mooney, James H. Britton place	600	34 80	1/2a home	1200	2900 168 20
Mooney, Robert 2a Mosher place	1400		Rathburn, Virginia P. Adams house	700	40 60
Exempt	1000	400 23 20	Reid, Chester W. Mull place	1400	81 20
Mooney, William B. & Gertrude Nash place	1300		Rogers, Ethel I. Roundy place	650	37 70
Exempt	1000	300 17 40	Rohloff, Arthur K. & Inez A. Davis place	1600	
Morse, Edward J. Bates Farm	1000	58 00	Exempt	1000	600 34 80
Molesky, William R. & Doris E. Home	1500	87 00	Schmitz, E. Winifred & Cooper, Flor- ence M. 50a Isham pl.	2600	
Murray, William D. et al			Land at stone bridge	50	2650 153 70
			Sherrick, Raymond L. Home	400	
			10a Blake lot	20	

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
Hammond past. 200			Stock in trade 2000		
2 horse 150			Exempt 1000	6900	400 20
1 cow 75	845	49 01	Walker, Leon R.		
Shine, Myron F. & Rose G.			Home 800		
Wilder farm 2000			House near mill 450	1250	72 50
1 cow 75	2075	120 35	Wellman, Mary		
Smith, Frank E. Est.			Homestead 900		
¼a. homestead 2100			1 horse 50		
20a Hendee lot 40			1 cow 75	1025	59 45
10a Wellman lot 250	2390	138 62	White, Leon F.		
Smith, Lewis E. & Mary F.			3a Gleason place 1650		95 70
10a Mitchell place 1400		81 20	Wilde, Elliot G. & Isabelle M.		
Snow, Eleanor E.			Little place 1000		
50a homestead 1200		69 60	Exempt		
Starkey, Carl M.			Wilder, Doris A.		
Home 2800	162 40		Homestead 1300		
Scarborough, George E.			14a Mack lot 28		
Home 700		40 60	Howard lot 360	1688	97 90
Seuss, Emil & Elise M.			Wilbur, Josie S.		
12a hen farm 4420	256 36		Seaver place 500		29 00
Temple, Sidney R. Est.			Wilbur, Weston V. & Percy D.		
65a homestead 700		40 60	Boarding house 500		29 00
Tillson, Homer S.			Whipple, Willie B. & Florence P.		
130a Thayer farm 3400			Home 1500		87 00
5a Carroll lot 10			Wheeler, Clifford O.		
50a Foster lot 100			Bunker lot 100		5 80
73a Nichols farm 500			Willson, William E.		
19 cows 1900	5910	342 78	107a homestead 1000		
Tillson, J. Homer			82a Isham farm 164	1164	67 51
Land, Alstead line 10			Wilson, Jennie B.		
Dustin place 750	760	44 08	Dolory place 1500		87 00
Truman Gerald E.			Wilson, Vera		
Homestead 1800		104 40	Homestead 750		43 50
Turner, Elta H.			Wright, Bertha M.		
100a Hayward farm 1600			Homestead 1500		87 00
Hebert place 1500	3100	179 80	Wright, Bernice F.		
Tredo, Bernice F.			Homestead 2950		171 10
Land & bldgs. 1000		58 00	Wright, Florence E.		
Vanasse, Robert A.			& Leon A.		
Ballou store 2700			Land & bldgs. 250		14 50
35a Blake farm 3200			Wright, Florence E.		
			8a Pierson		
			mowing 150		
			7a Barret lot 14	164	9 51
			Wright, Florence E.		
			& Carl O.		
			42a French lot 42		2 44

## NON-RESIDENT INVOICE AND TAXES FOR YEAR 1953

Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax	Name and Description	Valu- ation	Total Tax
American Cyanamid Co.			Champion, Interna- tional Co.		
Steel magazine \$500			Pulp wood	200	11 60
Field magazine 50			Connecticut River Power Co.		
Stock in trade 3,097	\$3647	\$211 53	Power lines	1650	95 70
Anderson, Roy S.			Colony, John J.		
90a Keefe lot 180			6a Carroll lot	12	70
37a Chapin lot 74	254	14 73	Croft, C. B. & Nellie M.		
Anderson, Norman C.			Colefax house	2800	162 40
30a Mansfield lot 60			Dillant, Joseph E. & Emma		
62a Smith farm 124			63a Blood lot 136		
51a LePage farm 102			10a Taylor lot 20		
11a house lot 22	308	17 86	10a Beaudette lot 20	176	10 21
Antilla, Roy B. & Ellen C.			Davis, Ina M.		
35a White farm	1500	87 00	29a Fish lot, 1/3 Int.	150	8 70
Ashuelot-Citizens Nat. bank		11 00	Faulkner & Colony Mfg. Co.		
11 shs. bank stoc.			20a Surry Rd 800		
Britton, Emma Est.			Bliss water power 90	890	51 62
12a Bill lot	24	1 39	Faulkner, Philip H.		
Brown, Norman B.			20a, Dan Bates lot	40	2 32
68a Wilder farm 136			Forbes, Roxie A.		
95a Bridge lot 190			Guilow homestead	2000	116 00
39a Barrett lot 78	404	23 43	Feldspar Mines Inc		
Bond, Edwin E. & Ruth W.			128a Pond & Chase lot	256	14 85
Geo. Howard farm	1900	110 20	Fellows, Theodore J.		
Carey, Forrest L.			341a Kingsbury farm	4500	261 00
100a Mansfield lot 200			Faulkner, James H. & Mary DuPont		
50a H. Britton lot 100			37a Fox lot 40		
130a Angier lot 260			25a Comstock lot 25	65	3 77
143a Aldrich lot 296			Fish, William C.		
Howard lot 150			12a Hammond lot	60	3 48
57a Newman lot 114			Foth, Charles H.		
20a Willson lot 40			Adams lot	500	29 00
Whitten place 500	1660	96 28	Gates, Gordon		
Carey Chair Mfg. Co.			100a Mark lot	300	17 40
622a Bill farm 2000			Golding Keene Co.		
11a Thayer & Love- land lot 22			Converse lot	100	5 80
18a Hodgkins lot 36			Goodell, Clifford H.		
3a Fish lot 6			36a Miller lot	72	4 18
18a Loveland lot 36	2100	121 80	Gould, Leon R.		
Castor, Richard J. & Lena M.			17a Jerome Wright lot	234	13 57
60a Pickering lot	120	6 96	Gregory, Louis		
Ceratani, Anthony			1 mill 100		
Land Alstead line	15	87	Wood & lumber 500	600	34 80
Cheshire Oil Co.			Guerin, Janet B.		
Filling station 2000					
2 pumps 340	2340	135 72			



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20a Blake lot 40			Laura		
25a Blake lot 50	90	5 22	187a Labounty farm	2100	121 80
Hanna, Gertrude			Mason, Florence L.		
11a Chapin place	900	52 20	42a Gunn lot	84	4 87
Howard, Daniel Est.			Myers, Erma O. &		
Land state Rd.	50	2 90	Arthur G.		
Howard, Eugene			17a Densmore lot	34	1 97
¼a Pletznor lot 10			Moulthrop, Flora M.		
Beaver Mills lot 50			Lund place	400	23 20
Exempt			Mosher, Julia		
Hebert, Helen A. &			White place	1500	87 00
Edward B.			Cottage	700	40 60
Land & bldgs.	100	5 80	New Hampshire		
Howard, George H.			Electric Co-op.		
Carter pasture 50			Electric lines	690	40 02
33a Perry lot 66	116	6 73	New England Box Co.		
Hakala, Walter O. &			Land Surry line	5	29
Esther M.			Newell, Bertha W.		
29a Fish lot 2/3 int.	300	17 40	35a Lassmann		
Karr, Earl J.			farm 1400		
¼a land Alstead			16a Howard lot 32	1432	83 06
line	10	58	Norton, Phyllis H. &		
Kelley, Joseph R. &			MacConnell Mary		
Ida M.			V.		
30a Geo. Bates lot	60	3 48	Hussey place	2300	133 40
Kingsbury, Arthur A.			O'Neil, Daniel Est.		
5a Carter lot 10			125a Gunn farm	1500	87 00
40a Dan Smith			Owens, Nellie		
lot 80	90	5 22	10a Bliss home-		
Kingsbury, Fay E.			stead	700	40 60
46a Reed lot 92			Owens, Longever		
10a Arthur Smith			5a Beauregard lot	25	1 45
lot 200	292	16 94	Patnode, Oliver		
Kingsbury, Hunter C.			25a Bates lot	50	2 90
96a homestead 1000			Platts Box Co.		
100a May farm 400	1400	81 20	80a Hayward lot	160	9 28
Kingsbury, Thayer			Pomlow, Effie Est.		
Mining rights	200	11 60	124a Chase lots 248		
Klein, Godfrey E.			125a Buckminster		
35a Mansfield farm	1000	58 00	lot 250		
Knight, Harry, F. &			1a Whipple lot 10	508	29 46
Florence A.			Porter, Myron H. Est.		
46a Crehore pasture	92	5 34	30a Duston lot	60	3 48
LaFrank, Charles J.			Pottberg, Zillah C.		
70a Chapin lot	140	8 12	50a Baker farm	3000	174 00
Lewis, George C. Est.			Prentiss, Delorice E.		
15a Marlow line	30	1 74	2a Cook place	1000	58 00
Lombard, Byrdis M.			Public Service Co. of		
1a White lot	10	58	N. H.		
Lorandcau, Wilfred			Electric lines	58934	3418 17
& Meta			Quinn, Hugh J &		
10a Felch lot	20	1 16	Moore, Joseph D.		
Madden, Winifred C.			20a Den Miller lot	100	5 80
Est.			Reilly, J. Kenneth		
26a Fisher lot	52	3 02	2a Heath lot	50	2 90
Maish, Ralph A. &			Rivers, Paul		

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70a Carey lot	210	12 18	Tarr, Phyllis E.		
Rhodes, Marie M.			50a Thayer &		
Davis place	2000	116 00	LePage lot	100	5 80
Safford, Perley E.			Timber Owners of		
20a White farm 40			New England		
85a White & Heath			Burrage lot	75	4 35
lot 170	210	12 18	Trombley, Leonard J		
Sibley Oil Co.			35a Pickering lot	500	29 00
Gasoline pumps	340	19 72	White, Walter S.		
Sizemore, Clifford			House Keene line	1250	72 50
30a Mack farm	200	11 60	Williams, Don J.		
Spaulding & Sons			12a Converse lot 24		
Hen farm	7000	406 00	Land state road 50	74	4 29
Spencer Hardware Co.			Woods, George F.		
50a Blake lot	100	5 80	Shepherdson lot	200	11 60
Stokien, Marguerite			Wright, Frank		
W.			¼a land Banks St.	10	58
90a Bingham farm	1500	87 00	Whitcomb, Arthur		
Swan, Verne C.			Inc.		
5a Bingham lot	25	1 45	36a Brown &		
Short, E. Genevieve			Comstock lot	1000	58 00
100a Baker Farm	1600	92 80			

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR  
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1954 TO DEC. 31, 1954  
COMPARED WITH  
ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIA-  
TIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR  
JAN. 1, 1953 TO DEC. 31, 1953

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From state:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$71 08	\$71 60	\$71 00
Railroad tax		34	
Savings bank tax	70 00	75 65	75 00
Reimbursement a/c state and federal forest lands	22 36		23 16
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	2,378 93	2,378 93	2,400 00
From local sources except taxes:			
Dog licenses	150 00	137 60	150 00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	175 00	194 99	185 00
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,400 00	1,475 19	1,300 00
Sale of town property	100 00	112 00	
From local taxes other than property taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—regular @ \$2	460 00	460 00	460 00
(b) National bank stock taxes	11 00	11 00	11 00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	\$4,838 37	\$4,917 30	\$4,675 16



**PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES**

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Appropriations Recommended by Budget Comm. Year 1954
Current maintenance expenses:			
General government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$600 00	\$577 60	\$600 00
Town officers' expenses	600 00	568 67	625 00
Election and registration expenses	25 00	18 00	100 00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	165 21	124 08	165 00
Protection of persons and property:			
Police department	50 00	19 60	50 00
Fire department	1,250 00	1,693 48	950 00
Blister rust	200 00	200 00	200 00
Insurance	450 00	471 36	552 75
Health:			
Health department	25 00	8 50	25 00
Vital statistics	20 00	14 00	20 00
Town dump	100 00	87 00	100 00
Highways and bridges:			
Town maintenance—summer	2,100 00	3,072 67	2,500 00
Town maintenance—winter	1,000 00	1,027 51	1,000 00
Street lighting	1,110 00	1,041 63	1,110 00
General expenses of highway department	250 00	173 11	900 00
Town road aid	268 25	268 25	272 46
Libraries	200 00	181 30	225 00
Public welfare:			
Town poor	300 00	477 73	500 00
Old age assistance	1,800 00	1,488 08	1,800 00
Patriotic purposes:			
Memorial Day and veterans' associations	75 00	75 00	75 00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Appropriations Recommended by Budget Comm. Year 1954
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	75 00	75 00	75 00
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses, incl.			
dog damage	50 00	42 00	150 00
Advertising and regional associations	33 00	33 00	34 00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	200 00	162 50	200 00
On long term notes	135 00	135 00	187 50
Indebtedness:			
Payment on principal of debt:			
(b) Long term notes	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
Total expenditures	\$12,081 46	\$13,035 07	\$13,416 71

FLORENCE E. WRIGHT,  
 MARSHALL J. BARRETT,  
 FAY R. BEEDE,  
 HOMER S. TILLSON,  
 RAYMOND I. HASTINGS,  
 AARON W. FISK,  
 CARL M. STARKEY,  
 ELWIN S. HASTINGS,  
 Budget Committee

## INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1953

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Land and buildings	\$303,456 00
Electric plants	61,274 00
10 horses	850 00
33 cows	2,940 00
1 sheep	10 00
100 fowl	100 00
Portable mills	200 00
Wood & lumber	700 00
Gasoline pumps	680 00
Stock in trade	5,497 00
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Total gross valuation	\$375,707 00
Less soldiers' exemptions	34,130 00
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Net valuation	\$341,577 00

### Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$19,811 47
Poll taxes	460 00
Nat. bank stock tax	11 00
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	\$20,282 47

Tax rate \$5.80 @ \$100.00

### LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS MARCH 10, 1953

Town officers' salaries	\$600 00
Town officers' expenses	600 00
Election & registration	25 00
Town hall and buildings	165 21
Police department	50 00
Fire department	1,250 00
Blister rust	200 00

Health department	25 00
Care of dump	100 00
Vital statistics	20 00
Town road aid	268 25
Town maintenance—summer	2,100 00
Town maintenance—winter	1,000 00
General expenses highway department	250 00
Insurance	450 00
Street lighting	1,110 00
Libraries	200 00
Old age assistance	1,800 00
Town poor	300 00
Memorial Day	75 00
Cemeteries	75 00
Legal expenses	50 00
Monadnock region	33 00
Payment principal of debt	1,000 00
Interest	335 00
County tax	866 11
School tax	11,323 12
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	\$24,270 69

# **COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES** Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amt. Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town officers' salaries	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$577 60	\$2,240 00	
Town officers' expenses	600 00		600 00	568 67	3,133 00	
Election & registration	25 00		25 00	18 00	7 00	
Town hall & bldgs.	165 21		165 21	124 08	41 13	
Police department	50 00		50 00	19 60	30 40	
Fire department	1,250 00	\$537 30	1,787 30	1,693 45	93 85	
Blister rust	200 00		200 00	200 00		
Insurance	450 00		450 00	471 36		\$21 36
Health department	25 00		25 00	8 50	16 50	
Vital statistics	20 00		20 00	14 00	6 00	
Town dump	100 00		100 00	87 00	13 00	
Town road maintenance—summer	2,100 00	501 19	2,601 19	3,072 67		471 48
Town road maintenance—winter	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,027 51		27 51
Street lighting	1,110 00		1,110 00	1,041 63	68 37	
General expenses, highways	250 00		250 00	173 11	76 89	
Town road aid	268 25		268 25	268 25		
Libraries	200 00		200 00	181 30	18 70	
Town poor	300 00	108 00	408 00	477 73		69 73
Old age assistance	1,800 00		1,800 00	1,488 08	311 92	

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amt. Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Memorial day	75 00		75 00	75 00		
Cemeteries	75 00		75 00	75 00		
Legal expenses	50 00		50 00	42 00	8 00	
Monadnock region	33 00		33 00	33 00		
Interest	335 00		335 00	297 50	37 50	
Payment term notes	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00		
County tax	866 11		866 11	866 11		
School tax	11,323 12		11,323 12	11,323 12		
Total	\$24,270 69	\$1,146 49	\$25,417 18	\$25,224 27	\$782 99	\$590 08
Net unexpended balance				\$192 91		

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM IN CHESHIRE COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Feb. 1, 1954

ARTHUR F. TURNER,  
HOMER S. TILLSON,  
F. HAROLD BALLOU,  
Selectmen  
LOIS R. HASTINGS,  
Treasurer

## ASSETS

### Cash :

In hands of treasurer	\$7,667 01
(a) Town hall committee	34 40

### Accounts Due to the Town :

#### Due from state :

(a) Joint highway construc'n accounts, unexpended bal. in state treasury	3,846 94
(b) For bounties	108 50
(c) Bear den lot	23 16

### Unredeemed taxes: (from tax sale on account of)

(b) Levy of 1952	1,271 85
(c) Levy of 1951	471 23
(d) Previous years	6 20

### Uncollected taxes :

(a) Levy of 1953	7,688 22
(b) Levy of 1952	276 32
(c) Levy of 1951	318 15

(e) State head taxes—Levy of 1953	500 00
Total assets	<u>\$22,211 98</u>
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	5,861 81
Grand Total	<u>\$28,073 79</u>
Net debt December 31, 1952	\$2,089 41
Net debt December 31, 1953	5,861 81
Increase of debt	3,772 40
Town hall heater	2,000 00
State aid cons.	3,500 00

### LIABILITIES

#### Accounts Owed by the Town:

Reserve town hall fire	\$503 91
Due to state:	
(a) State head taxes—1953 (uncollected \$500.00)	
(collected, not remitted to state treas. <del>\$79</del> .50)	597 50
Due to school districts: balance of appropriation	9,154 36

#### State and Town Joint Highway Construction

##### Accounts:

(a) Unexpended balance in state treasury	3,846 94
(b) Unexpended balance in town treasury	4,971 08

#### Long Term Notes Outstanding:

Fire truck	1,500 00
State aid & road const.	5,500 00
Town hall heating plant	2,000 00

Total liabilities	<u>\$28,073 79</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$28,073 79</u>

### RECEIPTS

#### Current Revenue:

##### From local taxes: (collected and remitted to treasurer)

1. Property taxes—current year, 1953 \$13,037 95
2. Poll taxes—current year,  
regular @ \$2, 1953 292 00



3. National bank stock taxes—1953	11 00
4. Yield taxes—1953	269 19
5. State head taxes @ \$5—1953	860 00
6. Total current year's taxes collected and remitted	\$14,470 14
7. Property taxes and yield taxes— previous years	5,270 13
8. Poll taxes—previous years— regular @ \$2	176 00
9. State head taxes @ \$5—previous years	530 00
10. Interest received on taxes	194 99
11. Penalties on state head taxes	57 50
12. Tax sales redeemed	1,641 20

## From State:

13. For highways and bridges:	
(b) For class V highway maintenance	501 19
14. Interest and dividend tax	71 60
15. Railroad tax	34
16. Savings bank tax and building and loan association tax	75 65
18. Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	1,496 52

## From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

24. Dog licenses	137 60
33. Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits	1,475 19
Total current revenue receipts	<u>\$26,098 05</u>

## Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$10,000 00
35. Long term notes during year	5,500 00
37. Insurance adjustments	7,649 00
38. Refunds	595 30
42. Sale of town property	128 60
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<u>\$23,872 90</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources	<u>\$49,970 95</u>

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	4,268 55
Grand Total	<u>\$54,239 50</u>

### PAYMENTS

#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

##### General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$577 60
2. Town officers' expenses	568 67
3. Election and registration expenses	18 00
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	124 08

##### Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	19 60
8. Fire department, including forest fires	1,693 45
9. Blister rust	200 00
10. Bounties	80 00
12. Insurance	471 36

##### Health:

14. Health department	8 50
15. Vital statistics	14 00
17. Town dumps	87 00

##### Highways and Bridges:

18. Town road aid	268 25
19. Town maintenance (summer \$3,072.67) (winter \$1,027.51)	4,100 18
20. Street lighting	1,041 63
21. General Expenses of Highway De- partment	173 11

##### Libraries:

22. Libraries	181 30
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##### Public Welfare:

23. Old age assistance	1,488 08
24. Town poor	477 73

## Patriotic Purposes:

26. Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	75 00
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## Public Service Enterprises:

30. Cemeteries	75 00
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## Unclassified:

32. Damages and legal expenses	42 00
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Total Payments	\$11,784 54
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33. Advertising and regional associations	33 00
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34. Taxes bought by town	1,621 18
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35. Discounts, abatements and refunds	6 07
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Total current maintenance expenses	\$1,660 25
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## Interest:

38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	162 50
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39. Paid on long term notes	135 00
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Total interest payments	\$297 50
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## Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:

Town hall fire	9,145 09
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Total outlay payments	\$9,145 09
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## Indebtedness:

51. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	10,000 00
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52. Payments on long term notes	1,000 00
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Total indebtedness payments	\$11,000 00
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## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

56. State head taxes paid state treas. (1953 taxes \$706.50) (prior yrs. \$943.74)	1,650 24
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57. Taxes paid to county	866 11
59. Payments to school districts (1952 tax \$9,468.76) (1953 tax \$700.00)	10,168 76
Total payments to other governmental divisions	<u>\$12,685 11</u>
Total payments for all purposes	\$46,572 49
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	<u>7,667 01</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$54,239 50</u>

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description:	
1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$17,500 00
Furniture and equipment	1,000 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	
Furniture and equipment	800 00
3. Police department, lands and buildings	
Equipment	20 00
4. Fire department, lands and buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	9,000 00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings	300 00
Equipment	1,000 00
6. Parks, commons and playgrounds	900 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	20,000 00
Equipment	1,000 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds	
Carpenter lot	300 00
Land state road	50 00
Guillow lot	100 00
Wyman lot	200 00
Beckwith lot	200 00
Total	<u>\$54,370 00</u>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$4,268 55
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From tax collector:

Property taxes current year	\$13,037 95
Poll taxes current year	292 00
National bank stock tax current year	11 00
Yield tax current year	269 19
State head tax, 1953	860 00
Property taxes & yield taxes prev. year	5,270 13
Poll taxes previous years	176 00
State head taxes previous years	530 00
Interest received on taxes	194 99
Penalties on state head taxes	57 50
Tax sales redeemed	1,641 20

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\$22,339 96

From state:

For class V highways	\$501 19
Interest & dividend tax	71 60
Railroad tax	34
Savings bank tax	75 65
Reimbursement a/c growing timber	1,496 52

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\$2,145 30

From town clerk:

Dog licenses	\$137 60
Auto permits	1,475 19

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\$1,612 79

## Miscellaneous Income:

Insurance adjustments	\$7,649 00	
Sale of town property	112 00	
Refund forest fires	487 30	
Refund welfare dept.	108 00	
Sale of sand	16 60	
	<hr/>	\$8,372 90

## Borrowed:

Cheshire Nat'l Bank—temp. loans	\$10,000 00	
Cheshire Nat'l Bank—highway loan	3,500 00	
Cheshire Nat'l Bank—town hall heater	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$15,500 00
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		\$54,239 50

## Payments:

On selectmens' orders	\$46,572 49	
Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1953	7,667 01	
	<hr/>	\$54,239 50

LOIS R. HASTINGS,  
Treasurer

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### LEVY OF 1953

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$19,811 48
Poll taxes	460 00
Nat. Bank stock tax	11 00
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Total of warrant	\$20,282 48
Yield taxes	882 41

Added taxes:

Property taxes	\$150 80
Poll taxes	4 00
Yield taxes (1954)	32 00
Interest collected	2 51
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Total	\$21,354 20

Remitted to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$13,037 95
Poll taxes	2 92
Nat. bank stock tax	11 00
Yield taxes	269 19
Interest collected	2 51

Abatements:

Property taxes	27 05
Poll taxes	6 00
Yield taxes	20 28

Uncollected taxes:

Property taxes	6,897 28
Poll taxes	1 66

Yield taxes	624 94	
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		\$21,354 20

## LEVY OF 1952

Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1953:

Property taxes	\$5,402 25	
Poll taxes	178 00	
Added polls	10 00	
Yield taxes	182 24	
Interest collected	180 78	
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Total		\$5,953 27

Remitted to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$5,270 09	
Poll taxes	170 00	
Interest collected	180 78	
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Total		\$5,620 87

Abatements:

Property taxes	\$52 08	
Poll taxes	4 00	

Uncollected taxes:

Property taxes	\$80 08	
Poll taxes	14 00	
Yield taxes	182 24	
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Total		\$5,953 27

## STATE HEAD TAXES

LEVY OF 1953

Original warrant	\$1,355 00	
Supplemental warrant	5 00	
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Total committment	\$1,360 00	
Penalties collected	4 50	
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		\$1,364 50



## Remitted to treasurer:

Head taxes	\$860 00	
Penalties collected	4 50	
Total remitted	\$864 50	
Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1954	500 00	
Total		\$1,364 50

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of Dec. 31, 1953

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Tax sales on account				
of levies of	1952	1951	1950	1949
Taxes sold to town				
current year	\$1,605 68			
Balance unredeemed				
taxes Jan. 1, 1953		\$1,073 22	\$709 18	\$20 71
Interest collected after				
sale	3 13	32 52	62 08	4 20
Redemption costs	1 75	5 50	7 00	50
	\$1,610 56	\$1,111 24	\$778 26	\$25 41

## CR.

Remitted to treasurer	\$338 71	\$640 01	\$637 07	\$25 41
Abatements			134 99	
Unredeemed taxes				
Dec. 1, 1953	1,271 85	471 23	6 20	
	\$1,610 56	\$1,111 24	\$778 26	\$25 41

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Births reported	12
Marriages reported	10
Deaths reported	6
Dog licenses	62
Conditional sales and mortgages	100
Conditional sales and mortgages discharged	6
Auto permits for 1953 & 1954 up to Jan. 1, 1954	608

MRS. BERTHA M. WRIGHT,  
Town Clerk

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## REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	\$18 13	
Received from rent of hall	67 50	
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		\$85 63

### PAYMENTS

Minor repairs—misc.	\$10 03	
Fuel	10 70	
Janitor service	30 50	
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		\$51 23
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Cash on hand December 31, 1953		\$34 40

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Frances Rougeau, auditor	\$10 00
Louis Rougeau, auditor	10 00
Lois R. Hastings, treasurer	35 00
Bertha M. Wright, <del>auto permits</del> <i>Town Clerk</i>	<del>162 00</del> 32 00
Homer S. Tillson, selectman	75 00
F. Harold Ballou, selectman	75 00
Arthur F. Turner, selectman	150 00
Mabelle S. Freihofer, collector	190 60
	<hr/> \$577 60

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Chase's, supplies	\$48 75
Lois R. Hastings, postage	10 00
N. H. Assessors' Assn., dues	3 00
Bertha M. Wright, auto permits	162 00
F. Harold Ballou, expenses	10 00
A. F. Turner, postage & expenses	18 00
W. M. Chaplin, transfer cards	15 80
Dog tags	7 22
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports	241 90
W. M. Chaplin, deed	3 00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n., dues	3 00
N. H. Town Clerks' Ass'n., dues	2 00
Sargent Bros., tax bills	9 90
Bertha M. Wright, expenses	5 00
Theodore Nichols, dog constable	15 00
Mabelle S. Freihofer, expenses	14 10
	<hr/> \$568 67

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Walter Malony, moderator	\$3 00
Lenore Smith, supervisor	5 00
Lois Wright, supervisor	5 00
Ruth Finch, supervisor	5 00
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	\$18 00

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Louis G. Rougeau, police services	\$9 60
Francis Malony, police services	5 00
James E. Keating, police services	5 00
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	\$19 60

## TOWN HALL EXPENSES

## Paid by Selectmen

Public Service Co., town hall lights	\$54 66
Perkins-Bassett & Wright, paint	14 34
Oscar W. Ekberg, tuning piano	8 00
Sibley Oil Co., oil, town hall	47 08
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	\$124 08

## WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Board for Mary Chamberlain	\$337 88
Aid to Arlen children	139 85
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	\$477 73
Refund from Agnes Chamberlain	108 00
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Net expenditures	\$369 73

## EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953

Sibley Oil Co., oil	\$80 52
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	67 41
Paul G. Kennett Inc., gas	60 00
H. S. Tillson, lumber	13 44
Knowlton & Stone, supplies	3 60
E. W. Chase, gas & oil	9 07

James E. Keating, labor & supplies	6 24
James E. Keating, janitor	60 00
Pay rolls	235 75
Pay roll, Alstead fire	47 40
Pay roll, Acworth fire	439 90
James A. Coffin, equipment	52 12
City of Keene, attending fires	135 00
Sibley Oil Co., heater	350 00
W. P. Johnson Inc., repairs	31 23
A. W. Fisk, repairs to fire station	101 77
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Total	\$1,693 45
Unexpended balance	93 85
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	\$1,787 30

## Income:

Appropriation	\$1,250 00
Reserve for repairs	50 00
Refund, town of Alstead	47 40
Refund, town of Acworth	439 90
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	\$1,787 30

## INSURANCE

Fire station, fire ins.	\$11 71
Town hall fire ins.	157 50
Town officers' bonds	25 00
Tractor, fire ins.	7 00
Fire truck, casualty	49 90
Fire truck, fire	18 20
Snow plow, casualty	35 00
Fire station, fire	23 29
Town officers' liability	26 26
Old fire truck, fire	7 00
Tax collectors' bond	15 00
Insurance on barn	7 50
Firemens' insurance	88 00
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Total	\$471 36

TOWN HALL FIRE  
RECEIPTS

Palmer Ins. Agency, insurance	\$849 00	
Mason Ins. Agency, insurance	424 50	
New Hamp. Fire Ins. Co., insurance	2,122 50	
Manufacturers & Merchants Ins. Co., insurance	4,245 00	
Sale of slate	8 00	
Borrowed for heating unit	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,649 00

PAYMENTS

Fred H. Hamblett, electrical work	\$77 62	
Ivah H. Ballou, contractor	5,301 00	
Arthur Whitecomb, cement	33 90	
James E. Keating, repairs, furnace room	46 00	
James E. Keating, cleaning chairs	72 05	
Forest W. Cummings, painting	1,476 52	
Sibley Oil Co., heating unit	2,138 00	
Unexpended balance	503 91	
	<hr/>	\$9,649 00

## REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

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### MAINTENANCE OF TOWN ROADS WINTER

Donald W. Ballou, road agent	\$246 00
Louis A. Durant, labor	26 00
Woodbury Corey, labor	32 25
Homer S. Tillson, labor	67 00
Prinnie Howard, labor	75 00
Frederick Karr, labor	2 50
Harold Ballou, labor	7 00
James E. Keating, labor	8 00
William Johnson, labor	11 50
E. W. Chase, gas & oil	40 42
Jim Bolles, plowing	12 75
Keene Sand & Gravel Inc., sand	23 69
W. P. Johnson Inc., truck	293 75
Malcolm Hull, truck	34 65
Road salt	74 40
R. L. Sherrick, sand	7 60
Spikes	1 00
Ralph I. Jernberg, plowing	64 00
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	\$1,027 51

### GENERAL EXPENSES OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Repairs to tractor	\$98 18
Supplies	6 27
Gas & oil	68 66
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	\$173 11

### SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Donald W. Ballou, road agent	\$520 50
Louis A. Durant, labor	352 20
Clifford A. Bunker, labor	79 50

Woodbury G. Corey, labor	534 70
Edward A. Blodgett, labor	131 50
Leon A. White, labor	93 00
Robert Bosely, labor	2 00
Richard Fisk, labor	2 00
Carl Wilbur, labor	2 00
Prinnie Howard, horse hire	2 00
Edward A. Blodgett, tractor	253 50
Clifford French, team	10 00
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts	161 46
W. P. Johnson Inc., truck & tractor	475 25
H. W. Ball, loader	99 15
State of New Hampshire, asphalt	111 72
Malcolm W. Hull, truck	32 85
Arthur Whitcomb Inc., cold patch	138 60
E. W. Chase, gas & oil	30 14
Withholding tax	40 60
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	\$3,072 67

## RECEIPTS

1953 appropriation	\$1,600 00	
Oiling	500 00	
State of New Hamp.	501 19	
Transferred	471 48	
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		\$3,072 67

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1953

## Town of Gilsum

Town funds expended	\$199 80	
Cooperative funds expended	106 11	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$305 91
Received from town	\$200 00	
Expended from town funds	199 80	
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Balance due town		\$ 20
Area covered		2,434 acres
Currant & gooseberry bushes destroyed		1,507

Stamps are enclosed covering balance due town.



## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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The library is open to the public, twice a week during the year.

The usual magazine subscriptions have been renewed, 15 books purchased, and 32 given.

The State Book Mobile calls every 2 months leaving as many books as we care to borrow, which is much appreciated.

### TRUSTEES

	Term Expires
Hazel W. Hastings	1954
Ethelind Ballou	1954
Tressie V. White	1954
Lenore Smith	1955
Doris A. Wilder	1955
Lois Wright	1955
Miriam P. Tillson	1956
Elta H. Turner	1956
Florence M. Cooper	1956

HELEN W. SMITH,  
Librarian

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### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and other town officers and find them correct and properly vouched.

LEILA A. BALLOU,  
LENORE SMITH,

Auditors

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM, N. H.

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income		Rate of Per Cent Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
				on Hand at Beginning of Year	on Hand at End of Year				
1946	Fannie R. Smith, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	\$150.00	\$8.55	\$4.53	3	\$4.53	11.57	\$4.53
1927	Emma D. Woods, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00		3.02	3	3.02		3.02
1938	Mamie Badger, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00		3.02	3	3.02		
1931	Robert Cuthbert, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	8.55	3.02	3	3.02	11.57	
1927	Eben W. Jones, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	8.55	3.02	3	3.02	11.57	
1938	Emma I. Downing, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	2,486.31		75.14	3	75.14	75.14	
1918	Myron W. Adams, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	8.55	3.02	3	3.02	8.05	3.52
1923	Helen L. Isham, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	50.00	1.50	1.50	3	1.50		3.00
1914	Charles W. Rawson, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00		3.02	3	3.02		3.02
1948	Viola E. Minor, Village Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	100.00	8.30	3.02	3	3.02		11.22
1948	Jacqueline H. Carter, Centennial Cemetery	Cheshire County Savings Bank	200.00		6.05	3	6.05		6.05
1921	Lausing W. Wilder, Schools	Cheshire County Savings Bank	500.00		15.11	3	15.11	15.11	
1916	Otis H. Kingsbury, Schools	Savings Bank of Walpole	200.00		6.04	3	6.04	6.04	
1916	Otis H. Kingsbury, Village Cemetery	Savings Bank of Walpole	100.00	3.02	3.02	3	3.02		6.04
1938	Emma I. Downing, Centennial Cemetery	Savings Bank of Walpole	1,319.56		39.88	3	39.88	39.88	
1798	Minister Fund, Schools	Keene Savings Bank	300.00		9.06	3	9.06	9.06	
1900	Daniel W. Bill, South Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	400.00	1.18	12.09	3	12.09		13.27
1906	Dr. K. D. Webster, Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank			.66	3	.66		.66
1932	Dr. K. D. Webster, Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	22.40		3.02	3	3.02		3.02
1932	Sarah Webster, Village Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	100.00	4.34	2.27	3	2.27		6.61
1939	Ann Dart, Village Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	200.00	11.58	6.05	3	6.05		17.63

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Rate of Per Cent Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
1938	Emma I. Downing Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	479.06		3	14.48	14.48	
1940	Emma I. Downing, Centennial Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	2,820.27		3	85.23		
1950	Herbert E. Moore, Village Cemetery	Keene Savings Bank	300.00	21.11	3	9.06		30.17
1938	Emma I. Downing Centennial Cemetery	Public Service Co. of N. H., 26 shares	2,600.00	228.83	3.35	87.10	38.40	277.53
1938	Emma I. Downing Centennial Cemetery	U. S. Savings Bond, Series G	500.00		2½	12.50	12.50	
TOTALS			\$13,502.60	\$314.06		\$413.93	\$338.60	\$389.39

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 1, 1954

ELWIN S. HASTINGS  
EVERETT W. CHASE  
DONALD W. BALLOU  
Trustees of Trust Funds.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

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School Board: Mr. Raymond Hastings, Chairman, Mrs. Leila Ballow, Mrs. Mildred McHoul.

Moderator: Walter Maloney.

Treasurer: Florence Wright.

Clerk: Bernice Wright.

Auditor: Arthur Turner.

Superintendent: Elliot W. Keach, Walpole.

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district of the Town of Gilsum qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district on the 8th day of March, 1954, at 7:30 in the evening, to vote upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a member of the school board for one year to fill unexpired term.
5. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officer, and fix the compensations of any other officers or agents in the district.
7. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
8. To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
9. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of

statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums, as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a new heating system in the elementary school; and whether the district will vote to authorize the school board to borrow the sum upon the credit of the district.

11. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$14,000.00 for the construction, equipment and furnishing of an additional room to the present elementary school; and whether the district will vote to raise such sum through the issuance of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale and the time and place of payment of principal and interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Bonds Statute, N. H. Revised Laws, Chapter 72, and any amendment thereto.

12. To see if the district will vote to appoint a building committee consisting of three persons, to be appointed by the moderator to work with the school board in the matter of supervision of the construction of the addition to the elementary building providing that the plans and specifications shall finally be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law, and to further authorize the school board to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction and equipping of said addition.

13. To see if the School District will authorize the School Board to transfer to the general fund, the unexpended balance in the foundation and water funds, as of June 30, 1954.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1953

### RECEIPTS

State aid	\$5,281 24
Local taxation	12,824 99
Trust funds	30 21
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Total receipts from all sources	\$20,294 10
Cash on hand July 1, 1952	459 75
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Total	\$20,753 85

### PAYMENTS

#### Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$100 00
Superintendent's salary	217 69*
Tax for statewide supervision	246 00
Salaries of other admin. personnel	111 25
Supplies and expenses	111 68

#### Instruction:

Teachers' salaries	4,541 60
Principals' salaries	2,600 00
Books and other instructional aids	179 63
Scholars' supplies	278 11
Supplies and other expenses	50 22

#### Operation of school plant:

Salaries of janitors	600 00
Fuel or heat	322 00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	192 79

*State's share	\$2,275 00	Gilsum	\$217 69
Alstead	645 00	Marlow	162 86
Surry	149 96	Westmoreland	357 98

Maintenance of school plant:		
Repairs and replacements	344 14	
Auxiliary activities:		
Health supervision	220 48	
Transportation	1,934 70	
Tuition	5,561 08	
Fixed charges:		
Retirements	442 98	
Insurance, treas. bonds, and expenses	545 00	
Debt and interest:		
Principal of debt	500 00	
Interest on debt	45 00	
Total payments for all purposes		\$20,443 77
Cash on hand at end of year		\$216 04

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## BALANCE SHEET

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### ASSETS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1953	\$310 08	
Total assets		\$310 08
Net debt		1,483 96
Total		\$1,794 04

### LIABILITIES

Notes and bonds outstanding	\$1,000 00	
Amounts reserved for special purposes	94 04	
Total liabilities		\$1,794 04

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

For the Year Ending June 30, 1953

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Cash on hand, July 1, 1952		\$459 75
Received from selectmen:		
Current appropriation	\$10,656 23	
Special appropriations	1,468 76	
Advance on next year's appropriation	700 00	
Received from state treasurer:		
State funds	5,281 24	
Received from tuitions	814 40	
Received from trust funds	30 21	
Received from all other sources	1,343 26	
Total receipts		<hr/> \$20,294 10
Total amount available for fiscal year		\$20,753 85
Less school board orders paid		<hr/> 20,443 77
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953		<hr/> \$310 08

FLORENCE WRIGHT,  
District Treasurer



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Gilsum :

I herewith submit my annual report as superintendent of your school.

Achievement tests were given in all the grades this past spring and general ability tests were given this fall. Comparison of the results of these tests are being used to evaluate the success of the pupils, aid in guidance and help improve the educational program.

Test results, pupil grades and other information that will aid in counseling pupils are now kept on a new permanent record form that contains much more helpful information. In addition, each pupil has an individual folder containing information that cannot be condensed on a permanent record form.

A great deal of improvement was accomplished this past spring and summer in the functional as well as the aesthetic aspects of the school. With the financial assistance of the Keene Lion's Club (who paid one-half the cost) fluorescent lights were installed in each class room. Our thanks and appreciation to the Keene Lion's Club for making this improvement possible. The civic interest and generosity of this club will certainly mean better health for the children of Gilsum.

The north and west sides of the building were insulated this past summer which has made the rooms much more comfortable this winter. In addition, the classrooms have been painted in attractive colors that make them much more pleasant for both pupils and teachers.

The assignment of grades to teachers and rooms was changed this year in order to achieve a better distribution

of the overload of pupils to each teacher and to allow pupils in the first grade to be given more attention during their first year of school. Mrs. Trueman has grades one and two in the south room, Mrs. Jernberg, grades three, four and five in the east room and Mr. Davis has grades six, seven and eight in the west room.

The increase in enrollment last year was nine. This year's increase is eleven, a total increase of twenty for the two years which is an increase of over twenty per cent. This means that for every five pupils in 1951, there are six pupils in 1953.

Each teacher has an average of thirty-six pupils in their room and is teaching three grades. There is not enough time in the teaching day for the teacher to do the work they would like to do with groups and individuals when they are loaded with this number of pupils and grades. Another room and teacher is needed if Gilsum children are to receive an educational opportunity comparable to the average in New Hampshire.

The average salary of your teachers was \$2,500.00 for the year 1953-1954. The average salary for elementary teachers for 1952-1953 in New Hampshire was \$2,879.00. Add \$175.00 to this figure which was about the average raise and we have an average of \$3,054.00 which finds us paying an average of \$554.00 less than the average for the state. We should come nearer to the state average if we are to have and hold good teachers.

#### ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 4, 1954

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Number	25	12	15	12	10	8	15	11	108

Tuition pupils attending Gilsum schools from Alstead:

Grade	1	2	5	8
	2	1	1	1

Tuition pupils from Gilsum attending other schools:

Grade	9	10	11	12
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	5	6	2	7

The interest shown by those who have worked so diligently with the school board on the problem of increased enrollment indicates how interested the citizens of Gilsum are in making every effort to provide the children of Gilsum with a good educational program.

I wish to thank the school board, parents, teachers, pupils and citizens for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELLIOT W. KEACH,  
Superintendents of Schools

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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I wish to extend my thanks to the parents, teachers, citizens, and pupils for their interest in the school health program. It has made my first year a most gratifying experience.

I hope each year to include in our school health program any new procedures that will help improve your community.

The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1953:

96 pupils were inspected.

86 pupils were in need of dental care.

10 pupils were under dental care.

96 pupils had vision and hearing tests.

4 pupils had eye examinations and defects corrected.

11 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examinations by the family physician.

ELLEN L. McAFEE,  
School Nurse

# Budget of the School District of Gilsom 1954-55

<b>EXPENDITURES ITEM</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 1952-53</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures 1952-53</b>	<b>Adopted Budget 1953-54</b>	<b>School Board's Budget 1954-55</b>	<b>Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55</b>
Administration:					
Salaries of district officers	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$93 00	\$93 00	\$93 00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	209 25	217 69	248 31	222 08	222 08
Tax for state wide supervision	246 00	246 00	234 00	272 00	272 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	80 00	111 25	114 12	155 74	155 74
Supplies and expenses	100 00	111 68	176 87	200 00	200 00
Instruction:					
Elementary teachers' & principals' salaries	7,100 00	7,141 60	7,500 00	8,360 00	8,360 00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	200 00	179 63	212 95	175 00	175 00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	250 00	278 11	422 10	415 00	415 00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	55 00	50 22	75 00	55 00	55 00
Operation of school plant:					
Salaries of janitors, elementary	570 00	600 00	750 00	820 00	820 00
Fuel or heat, elementary	326 00	322 00	334 00	340 00	340 00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	100 00	192 79	185 45	284 00	284 00
Maintenance of school plant:					
Repairs and replacements, elementary	200 00	344 14	120 00	200 00	200 00

## Auxiliary activities:

Health supervision, elementary	225 00	220 48	228 77	275 00	275 00
Transportation, elementary	1,943 70	1,934 70	2,052 00	2,052 00	2,052 00
Tuition, high	4,480 00	5,561 08	6,160 00	7,600 00	7,600 00

## Fixed charges:

Retirement, elementary	487 59	442 98	497 19	624 00	624 00
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elementary	120 87	545 00	190 00	190 00	783 92
Contingency fund					3,470 00

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Total current expenses \$16,793 41 \$18,599 35 \$19,623 76 \$22,332 82 \$26,395 74

## Capital outlay:

Lands and new buildings, elementary		\$29 00			
Additions and improvements, elementary					\$600 00
New equipment, elementary		\$1,270 42	\$75 00	\$75 00	75 00

## Debt and interest:

Principal of debt	\$500 00	500 00	500 00	500 00	500 00
Interest on debt	45 00	45 00	30 00	58 00	58 00

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Total debt and interest \$545 00 \$545 00 \$530 00 \$558 00 \$558 00

Budget deficiency 1,250 00

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Total expenditures for sch. approp. \$17,338 41 \$20,443 77 \$21,478 76 \$22,965 82 \$27,628 74

<b>RECEIPTS ITEM</b>					School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Receipts 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54			
*Balance (actual or estimated)	\$823 24	\$459 75			\$300 00	\$300 00
State aid	5,918 39	\$5,281 24	\$5,281 24		9,939 09	10,025 66
Trust funds	28 94	30 21	30 21		30 21	30 21
Elementary school tuition	460 00	814 14	405 00		660 00	660 00
Total rec'ts other than prop. taxes	\$7,230 57	\$6,585 34	\$5,716 45		\$11,015 87	\$11,015 87
Dist. assessment raised or to be raised by property taxes	\$10,107 84		\$15,762 31		\$11,949 95	\$16,612 87
Total approp. voted by sch. dist.	\$17,338 41		\$21,478 76		\$22,965 82	\$27,628 74
Appropriations Submitted Without Recommendation						Amount
Item						
New heating plant installed						\$4,000 00
Addition to present school building						\$14,000 00

\*Current assets minus current liabilities as of June 30, 1952 for Column 1; June 30, 1953 for Column 2 and 3; June 30, 1954 for Column 4 (and 5).  
Feb. 10, 1954

FLORENCE E. WRIGHT,  
FAY P. BEEDE,  
ELWIN S. HASTINGS,  
CARL M. STARKEY,  
MARSHALL J. BARRETT,  
RAYMOND I. HASTINGS,  
AARON FISK,  
HOMER S. TILLSON,

Budget Committee

# VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Baby's Name</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
1953				
Jan. 15	Keene	Susan Jean	Arthur K. Rohloff	Inez A. Mark
Mar. 19	Keene	Gail Louise	Earl J. Dunton	Josephine A. Creamer
Apr. 6	Keene	Deborah Gay	George L. Navish	Barbara E. Hutchins
May 4	Keene	Cathy Ann	Clifford A. Bunker	Agnes M. Luksevich
May 13	Keene	Harriet Jane		Beatrice E. Kenney
June 13	Keene	Jill Marie	Robert A. Vanasse	Naomi Tucker
July 10	Keene	Dennis William	Robert J. Smith	Dolores V. Roalf
Sept. 15	Keene	Bruce Wayne	Robert P. Mooney	Janice L. Whitten
Nov. 15	Keene	Robert Warren	Henry D. Locke	Ruth M. Laber
Nov. 30	Keene	Lyle Philip	Philip L. Audet	Ramona A. Wescott
Dec. 25	Keene	Christine Rose	Edwin A. Hodgdon	Mildred I. Demerse
Dec. 25	Keene	Lillian Lorraine	Donald C. Hodge	Bernice E. Heath

## MARRIAGES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>
1953			
Feb. 7	Keene	Lewis C. Smith Rita A. Malanson	Gilsum Keene
Apr. 7	Greenfield	George W. Bevis Pearl E. Clark	Francestown Gilsum
Apr. 20	Gilsum	Glenn E. Clark Geraldine A. Trueman	Gilsum Gilsum
May 23	Keene	Charles J. Nauceder Marjorie L. Poisson	Bellows Falls, Vt. Gilsum
May 23	Gilsum	Jesse O. Wheeler Margaret M. Cannon	Gilsum Gilsum
June 16	Marlow	Alex T. Sonosky Virginia P. Rathburn	Alstead Gilsum
Sept. 27	Sullivan	Walter E. Roberts Jr. Joyce E. Atwood	Gilsum Sullivan
Oct. 9	Lempster	David W. Henderson Mildred C. Henderson	Springfield, Mass. Gilsum
Nov. 26	Gilsum	Earl F. Frint Marion L. Sherrick	Walpole Gilsum
Nov. 28	Keene	Ronald N. Everett Frances V. Molesky	Gilsum Alstead

## DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
Mar. 3	Gilsum	Hellen M. Hubbard	80
Mar. 19	Keene	Minnie E. Whipple	77
Mar. 28	Concord	Edith W. Blake	85
Aug. 13	Keene	Hosca H. Wellman	59
Nov. 9	Gilsum	John G. Ellis	27
Nov. 14	Keene	Walter L. Malony	60

MRS. BERTHA M. WRIGHT, Town Clerk









